

## Message Text

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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: SHUM PK  
SUBJ: PRISONERS AND PRISONER RELEASES

REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 7728 (B) ISLAMABAD 6551

1. THE ADVOCATE GENERAL OF PUNJAB PROVINCE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT THERE ARE ONLY 40 POLITICAL PRISONERS UNDER PREVENTIVE DETENTION IN THE PUNJAB. MOST OF THESE PERSONS ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED OFFENSES UNDER THE EXPLOSIVES ACT.

2. AS A RESULT OF GENERAL ZIA'S 60 DAY CURTAILMENT OF ALL SENTENCES IN THE COUNTRY ON THE EVE OF RAMAZAN (REFTEL A), 845 PRISONERS HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM JAILS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. A TOTAL OF 1500 PRISONERS ARE EXPECTED TO BENEFIT FROM THIS CURTAILMENT.

3. COMMENT: THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF 40 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PUNJAB IS THE FIRST OFFICIAL QUANTITATIVE STATEMENT WE HAVE SEEN. IT CONTRADICTS THE ESTIMATE OF 200-250 OBTAINED FROM PRIVATE SOURCES AND REPORTED IN REF B.

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